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Sir:

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed May 17, 2006, the period for response to which extends through June 17, 2006, Applicants elect the invention defined by the Examiner as Specie II, claims 4-6 and 13-17, for examination on the merits.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. §1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310.

Respectfully submitted,

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